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Dear Mr. Shute:

I should like to express our appreciation for the fine work of your Division of Reports and Analysis, and to acknowledge the particular importance of its services to the Office of Reports and Estimates of this Agency. ORE believes that the Weekly Intelligence Report (WIR), prepared by R and A, is one of the best examples of analytical intelligence currently produced by any US agency. Despite unfortunate delays in receipt of this publication, analysts in ORE find it a valuable basis for current intelligence as well as an excellent background and reference guide. The WIR has been especially helpful in the field of economic reporting and analysis.

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Supplementing the WIR, the ORE-RICOG weekly cable and the OIR/ORE weekly teleconference with R and A have been extremely valuable, in that they provide opportunities for spot exchanges of views on current developments. These unique facilities have been highly advantageous to us and have enabled ORE personnel to prepare better estimates than would otherwise have been possible.

I wish, then, to thank you and your people for the generous cooperation shown this Agency.

Sincerely,

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